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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: SUSAN GIBBS ET AL. Serial No.: 10/585,299 Filed: JULY 6, 2006 For: PREPARATION OF FIBROBLAST- POPULATED CONNECTIVE TISSUE SUBSTITUTE	Confirmation No. 2326 Art Unit: 1651 Examiner: DAVIS, RUTH A.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 21, 2009, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-15) drawn to a method for growing connective tissue in vitro.

A favorable action on the merits of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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